



BENTON STEARNS EDUCATION DISTRICT

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Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC) Parent Member Information

The Benton-Stearns Education District SEAC

- Advises the Education District on current issues, program development, parental concerns and involvement
- Serves as an advocate for high-quality special education programs
- Promotes communication between family, school and community

Members of the SEAC will serve for one year with the opportunity to stay on longer. The council consists of 12-15 members, including parents representing each of the 6 member districts, community representatives, and school staff. At least 50 percent of the members must be parents of students who have a variety of disabilities.

Meeting Schedule 2023-24 School Year

The council is scheduled to meet 3 times during the school year. A light snack will be provided. Meetings will be held from 6:00-7:30 p.m at the Education District office located at 517 2nd Street South in Sartell on:

October 30, 2023

February 5, 2024

April 29, 2024

Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Guest Presenters
 - a. Renata Ticha-University of Minnesota
 - i. Representatives from the U of M team shared information about their federal research project in the area of transition.
 - ii. Parents were asked various questions about their transition experiences.
3. Future Meeting Topics
 - a. Maxine Jennings-Special Olympics of Minnesota-Unified Sports
 - b. Guest Presenter-The ARC Minnesota-Midwest Region